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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-17 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-17 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 4-6 and 12 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 June 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date .

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 6/7/2004. These drawings are acceptable.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
3. Page 5, line 29: the Applicants refer to inductance (8) and capacitance (8). The Examiner believes it should read –capacitance (3)–.
4. Page 9, line 18: Applicants refer to Figure 4; however, there are only 2 figures.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 4 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities: These claims refer to “an air-cored coil” however; the Examiner did not find such description in the specification. The Applicants must amend the specification to include the description.
6. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: bridging lines 2 and 3, change *-the filter-* to *-a filter-*.
7. Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: the claim recites the limitation “the primary energy storage capacitance”, “the switch” and “the filter” in lines 4, 7 and 11, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 2 and 4-17 are allowed.
9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
The references of the Prior Art of Record fail to teach or suggest either alone or in obvious

combination the limitations as set forth in claim 1, and specifically comprising the limitation of the power output stage for capacitive loads comprising an a secondary switching element which is connected in series with the secondary energy storage capacitance, wherein the input of the power output stage is clocked by an additional switch. With regards to claim 12, the method of driving the power output stage comprising the steps of closing and opening a switch in order to clock the input so that the primary energy storage capacitance is short-circuited and to charge the primary storage capacitance are not disclosed in the prior art.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

11. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- Objection to the claims and specification.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaydi A. Aguirrechea whose telephone number is 571-272-2018. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren E. Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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FIG 1

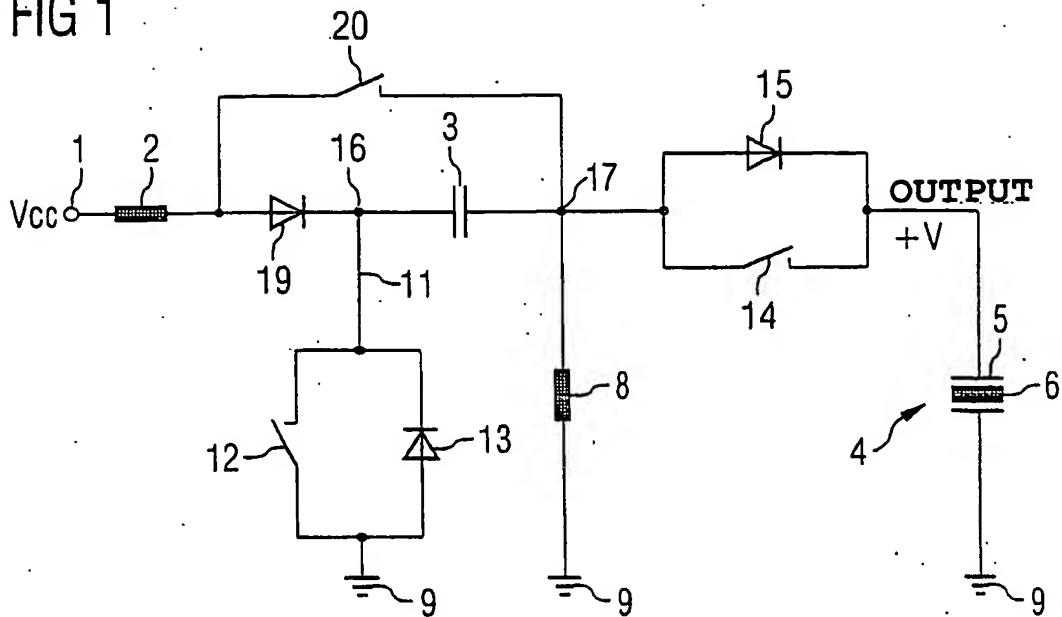


FIG 2

PRIOR ART

